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## VOTE!

Candidates for Student Senate Executive Officer Positions. Elections to be held Monday and Tuesday in The BSC.

### PRESIDENT

**Paul Hood**  
Senior  
English  
Nevada, Mo.

"For too long the people involved in governing Missouri Southern have counted on four of the college's administrators. We need new leaders who aren't afraid to change. I am willing to take a stand. I am willing to work with the administration, but when it is needed, I am willing to criticize them. I am willing to say, 'Well, you have failed,' to them."

**Cami Davey**  
Senior  
Psychology  
Carl Junction, Mo.

"Every part of Southern is to be proud to teach with the students and this falls on the shoulders of the executive officers. The first thing I want to do is a letter to try and get students to run for Senate by going to the organizations and encouraging them to run. This should make the staff see. Because I'm active I'm in touch with the students. I am accessible to them. I feel I can say right to."

### VICE PRESIDENT

**Paul Hendrickson**  
Junior  
Marketing  
St. Charles, Mo.

"I believe that my past experience with Student Senate and other campus organizations will help me to serve as vice president in the upcoming year. I realize many students have complaints concerning the Senate. It's my hope that we can make whatever changes are needed to better accommodate the entire student body."

### SECRETARY

**Amy Lorton**  
Sophomore  
Elementary Ed.  
Osceola, Mo.

"I am a lot of changes for next year. I hope to help with those changes, which would consist of forming more committees and having more Senators involved."

### TREASURER

**Reed Thompson**  
Senior  
Political Science  
Joplin, Mo.

"I don't think anything needs to be changed. Everything went really smooth, and I want to continue a job that has been well done. It is extremely important for the student body to participate in this election for executive officers. In doing so, they are choosing the students who will be representing them."

**Brian Rash**  
Junior  
Music Education  
Preston, Mo.

"I feel like I have the capable experience to do a good job. I've been on the Finance Committee for two years and I know all the members of the job."

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JEFFREY SLATTON / The Chart

### MISSOURI GENERAL ASSEMBLY

## Funding bill awaits signature

Senate to consider money for Webster, Barn Theatre

By JOHN HACKER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Missouri Senate approved one part of Missouri Southern's state appropriation Tuesday and will begin debate on the other next week.

The Senate gave final approval to a compromise funding bill for all higher education institutions, and will begin debate on a measure that would provide money for the Webster Communications and Social Sciences Building and the Barn Theatre.

The funding measure gives

Southern \$13,281,201 for fiscal year 1994, an increase of nearly \$30,000 over what was requested in Gov. Mel Carnahan's proposed budget.

House Budget Committee Chairman Chris Kelly said the increase is "extremely typical for higher education across the state."

"It's not as much as my committee recommended, but it is more than the Senate was going to give you," Kelly said.

Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said the measure now goes to the governor's desk for his signature.

This measure does not cover capital

improvements, however.

House Bill 414 would permit the Board of Public Buildings to issue \$329 million in revenue bonds for capital improvements across Missouri. These bonds would be paid for by eliminating the sales tax exemption on most interstate long-distance phone calls.

Burton said the measure "is the only way to get money for any capital improvements this year."

"If this issue doesn't pass, any money left in general revenue for capital improvements will probably go to mental health," Burton said. "We're really between a rock and a hard place on this issue."

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) said the chances of the measure passing the Senate are not good.

"I'm going to try to move [fund-

ing for] Webster [Hall] back into general revenue," Singleton said. "We've funded it out of general revenue before and we need to keep doing it this way."

Singleton said he is against the idea of increasing the amount of debt the state can incur.

"This is how the [federal] government got into debt," he said. "[The House is] putting a lot of pressure on us to vote on their hare-brained idea."

Singleton said he feels he has a "50-50 chance" of moving the Webster Hall funding to the general revenue fund, but Burton disagreed.

"I really don't think there is any [general revenue] money left," Burton said. "We might be able to get enough money for the interest payment, but that's about it."

### PRESIDENT BUSH'S VISIT

## Incident sparks litigation

ACLU files suit against deputies

By CHAD HAYWORTH  
MANAGING EDITOR

After nearly eight months of controversy and debate, the exact events which led to the confinement of protesters during a September rally for then-President George Bush will be decided in court.

A lawsuit was filed Thursday in District Court in Springfield, said Dick Kurtenbach, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union for Kansas and Western Missouri.

"This lawsuit is about some of the most cherished rights we Americans possess: the right to express our political views in our leaders," Kurtenbach said.

The lawsuit was filed by Missouri Southern students Chris Sanders and Lynetta St. Clair, Joplin resident Minerva Glidden, and Pittsburg State University student Antonio Sanchez.

The suit alleges that Jasper County Sheriff's Department Chief Deputy Jerry Neil and four yet-unnamed deputies intentionally violated both the First Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment rights

of the defendants.

Sanders, a senior political science major, said he was glad to see the litigation come to fruition.

"It's been a long time coming," he said. "My First Amendment rights were violated, and those who did it have to be held accountable."

In addition, the suit alleges an unidentified deputy restricted Sanchez from photographing the event, thus violating his rights to freedom of the press. Sanchez had been assigned to cover the event for a photojournalism class he was enrolled in at PSU.

Sanchez was not covering the event for PSU's student newspaper, *The Collegio*, but said he was not at Southern in a protest capacity.

William Fleischaker, who is handling the case for the plaintiffs, said he hopes to learn the identities of the four defendants through court depositions by members of the sheriff's department. All actual trial in the case may be as much as six to nine months away, he said.

While neither Southern nor any College official was named as a defendant in the suit, more legal action could be taken in the future, Fleischaker said.

"We will be taking depositions

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### CONVOCATION

## Seniors take honors

By KAYLEA HUTSON  
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Some members of Missouri Southern's 25th graduating class were given their hard-earned due yesterday at the annual Honors Convocation.

Approximately 350 students, professors, and parents attended the event, which honored 55 outstanding seniors from the schools of Arts and Sciences, Business Administration, Education and Psychology, and Technology.

It also honored the 1993 Honors Program graduates, the Outstanding Honors Student, Special Awards of Recognition, Alpha Chi honorees, the Spencer-Bartlett Respect Award recipients, and the Outstanding Graduate.

The presentation of the colors was conducted by the ROTC Color Guard, and Margaret E. L. Becker sang the National Anthem, accompanied by Gigi Pang.

Dr. Linda Noel, assistant professor of mathematics, opened the ceremony by asking the seniors to "think about what they would remember from

Missouri Southern."

"We hope you are not just good nurses or criminal justice students," Noel said. "But good learners for the rest of your life."

Dr. Robert Brown, vice president for academic affairs, extended the official congratulations for the College.

College President Julio Leon was in Jefferson City tracking the progress of appropriations currently pending in the legislature.

Board of Regents President Frank Dunaway made the opening remarks.

"You have demonstrated that you have embraced the quality of your performance," Dunaway said.

"The marketplace is hungry for you because they are looking for determined people."

Dunaway went on to leave the students with one of his favorite quotes, "Whatever you can see and believe in your mind, you can achieve."

Following the honors ceremony, a reception was held in Phinney Hall for the students and their guests.

### 1993 OUTSTANDING GRADUATE

## Brian Nichols takes top honor

By LESLIE KARR  
STAFF WRITER

Completing a triple major while maintaining a 3.76 grade point average may be a tough task for some students, but Brian Nichols managed to accomplish it—even while serving as president of three campus organizations and working 30 hours a week.

"It's a little embarrassing that everyone has been congratulating me—I'm just an average student," said Nichols, who was selected as Missouri Southern's Outstanding Graduate for 1993.

Time management allowed him to earn majors in economics/finance, accounting, and management.

"I really had to manage my time so I didn't get over my head," he said. "When I really wanted to learn to do things, I had to devote my time to my studies instead of having fun."

Nichols plans to continue his studies at the University of Chicago where he will work toward a master's degree in business administration with an emphasis in finance.

"I'm excited," he said. "Living in

a large city is definitely going to be a culture shock. I was born and raised in Joplin. I'm looking forward to the experience of meeting new people. I'm especially excited about the international student program."

Nichols participated in the Oxford Summer Study Program in 1992, where he studied architecture.

"I've been interested in England for a long time," he said. "It's the basis of our history. Through buildings we can see how people's lives change and how cultures change."

Nichols has been actively involved in several campus organizations. He was president of the Financial Management Club, the Accounting Club, and Phi Beta Lambda. He also was treasurer for the Advancement of Management, in addition to being an accounting tutor for two years and a financial management tutor for one year.

In addition to his campus involvement, Nichols has worked an average of 30 hours per week for the last five years as a bookkeeper for the Simpson Perry Oil Company. The honors program was beneficial for him.

"I'm glad I was able to be

involved in the honors program," Nichols said. "It's an excellent program. You are exposed to special classes, and the people in the program are so helpful and encouraging."

"I also don't think I would have been able to take as many hours without the financial help."

When Nichols can fit the time into his busy schedule, he likes to work out, play basketball, football, and other recreational sports.

"I firmly believe in a fit mind and fit body," he said. "When you are physically fit, you are fit mentally. I try to work out two or three times a week."

According to Nichols, if he had it all to do over, he would definitely attend Southern again.

"I believe I received an excellent education here," he said. "My teachers really care about both their students and the subject matter they teach."

Nichols is the first in his immediate family to earn a college degree.

"Out of both my mother and father's sides of the family, I am only the second one to graduate from college," he said. "It means a lot to my parents. Mom's really excited. They both are."

### FLORAL DISPLAY



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Newly blooming tulips near Billingsly Student Center seem to celebrate the arrival of warmer weather.



## ► SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

## Workshop to center on financial planning

By BRIAN SANDERS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

For those who would like to find out more about insurance, IRAs, stocks and bonds, a free financial planning seminar is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 and 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12 in room 318 of Matthews Hall.

The Personal Financial Planning seminar is sponsored by student members of the Financial Management Association; their adviser, Richard LaNear, business finance professor, and the School of Business.

"[The seminar] is an idea that has been building in my mind for quite some time," LaNear said. "I wanted to do something like this for the FMA students so they could participate in it."

"We do a lot of things like this in the fall, but not much in the spring."

LaNear said work stations during the seminar will be set up according to topics.

"A lot of it is patterned after what the FMA students were doing with

the VITA program," he said. "They were helping people in the community out with their tax returns. So this is all a community service."

Topics featured during the seminar will include:

• "The Life Cycle of Investing," which looks at how investments should be viewed depending on the investor's age;

• "Investment Prerequisites—Insurance," an overview of different types of life, health, homeowners, auto, and property and liability insurance;

• "Establishing Investment Goals," which helps the investor determine amounts needed to finance expenses, purchases, college tuition and retirement; and

• "Evaluating and Selecting Investment Vehicles," which defines and gives characteristics of stocks and bonds, gives advice on making such investments, and defines such investment terms as liquidity and profitability.

The work stations will be staffed by Southern economics and finance majors. For further information on the seminar, persons may contact LaNear at 625-9319.

## KEEP ON MOVING



Security officer Craig Richardson directs traffic Friday afternoon in front of Hughes Stadium at the conclusion of Special Olympics.

## ► SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

## New degree program requested by students

By P.J. GRAHAM  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Working toward the "applied" side of sociology is the reason for a recent appeal to the social science department.

A group of sociology students filed a petition Monday to Dr. David Tate, social science department head, asking for a bachelor of social work program to be initiated at Missouri Southern. Tate said installing such a program would be beneficial to the department, but there are problems involved.

"I agree and I don't agree [with the students]," he said. "I personally would not be opposed to a social work degree."

The bachelor of social work degree, or a B.S.W., would differ from the current sociology degree offered by the amount of "applied" social work required for the degree. Such a program can open different types of job opportunities for sociology majors than what is currently offered.

However, Tate said such a program would need several require-

ments from the College including certification and hiring more faculty to cover the extra classes needed for the degree.

Tate does not know if the changes would be possible in the near future.

"That is not likely to happen," he said. "But it could happen. Now, I don't think the administration would be opposed to the idea. As far as the funding, I could make a comment."

Tate said there are more than 100 full- and part-time sociology students; 32 signed the petition.

"Not every sociology major does social work," he said. "There are a number of things our majors do."

Tate said he does not believe the petition is suggesting his department is lacking.

"We're quite proud of our track record," he said. "We've had a number of people do real well. There is nothing being protested, it's just a request."

Dr. Richard Miller, associate professor of sociology, agrees.

"The term petition is probably

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## STUDENT SENATE

## Executive offices up for grabs

Hood, Davey vie for top position;  
vice president, secretary unopposed

By MARNIE CROW  
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Only six students are running for four executive offices in the Student Senate elections to be held Monday and Tuesday in Billingsly Student Center.

Only two of the four offices have competition. Candidates for vice president and secretary are running unopposed.

Paul Hendrickson, junior senator and candidate for vice president, is very disappointed not to have a running-mate.

Not having competition bothers him a lot," he said. "I wish we had enough interest. Hopefully, it will be better next year."

Also running unopposed is sophomore senator Amy Lorton for secretary.

She was also disappointed in the lack of participation.

"Competition is good, and it's needed," Lorton said. "Senators should be more active."

Senior senator Reed Thompson and junior senator Brian Rash are competing for the job as treasurer. Reed said he was glad to have someone running against him.

"It (competition) is the whole idea of having an election," he said. "It's better for students to have a choice; that way, the choice isn't made for them."

The race for president pits senior senator and current vice president Cami Davey against senior senator Paul Hood.

"Running against Paul is definitely a challenge," Cami said. "He is a very unique individual. He sees things from a different angle."

Davey believes her experience is her strongest asset in this election.

"I've been in Student Senate for three years," she said. "As vice president, I've learned what the executive officers do, and I feel that I can step right in and do the job."

Hood says that students should vote for him because he is willing to criticize the administration and

the way things are run when needed.

"Most people who are involved in governing campus never think of criticizing people in authority," he said. "When was the last time a faculty member criticized (College President) Julio Leon in *The Chart*? People are too intimidated and that needs to change."

Larry Seneker, current Student Senate president, said that although candidates are running opposed only for two offices, he is confident they will do a good job.

"I'm disappointed that more people didn't run for positions," Seneker said. "However, I think we're lucky in that those people who are running unopposed are capable."

Voter turnout for the elections has been low in the past, but senators are encouraging students to vote, and make a difference in this election.

"It's extremely important for the student body to participate in the election of executive officers," said Leslie Karr, sophomore senator. "In doing so, they are choosing the students who will be representing them."

## SPLISH-SPLASH



Melani Clayton, freshman graphic communications major, prepares to take a dive in her swimming class Wednesday afternoon.

T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

## STUDENT SENATE

## Group turns down MDA fund request

By JOHN HACKER  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

After a half-hour debate, Missouri Southern's Student Senate turned down a proposal to donate \$1,000 to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Junior senator Darrell King originally proposed the donation at the April 1 meeting; however, it was tabled until the end of the semester.

King said a majority of the students he had polled in his classes favored the donation.

A number of students questioned giving money to an off-campus organization.

"If students want to donate to an organization, they can do it on their own," said Troy Comeau, junior senator. "We need to keep [Senate] money on campus."

Senators also approved a number of changes to the constitution and bylaws and four allocations totaling \$2,189.50 were approved.

Koinonia received \$1,000 for 13 students to travel to Mexico. Zeta Tau Alpha was allocated \$463 to pay for travel to their national convention. Psi Chi received \$375 as a reimbursement for a March trip to a convention in New Orleans, and the Young Democrats received \$351.50, leaving a balance of \$1,105.65.

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"The term petition is probably a misnomer," he said. "We've encouraged the students to do it. I think they have gotten the support of our department."

Even if the petition does not generate any immediate reaction, Tate

believes it was still a positive move on the students' part because it may make the administration more aware of what students believe is needed in the department. While a whole new program may not be actualized soon, some improve-

ments for sociology majors are being planned.

"We are going to talk about adding another course in applied social work," Tate said.

He said a medical sociology staff member will soon be added.

## LAWSUITS, from page 1

from the defendants to find out who gave them the orders," he said. "If, in fact, it is from some other individual acting under the color of state laws, further action is a possibility."

Fleischaker said the ultimate

responsibility rests on the shoulders of whoever made the decision to detain the plaintiffs.

"It is our intention to find out the chain of command," he said. "So I don't know how far this thing will go."

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### A sordid mess

The uneasy wait is over—and the College has dodged the bullet.

For now.

When the ACLU filed a lawsuit against the Jasper County Sheriff's Department last week, it could have easily named the College as well. College President Julio Leon told *The Chart* last week he wasn't concerned with the possibility of a lawsuit against the College or himself.

Well, Dr. Leon, maybe you should be.

The ACLU has promised to get to the bottom of the case, and determine just exactly who gave the orders to move the protesters.

While we hope the College already has come clean regarding the whole sordid affair, a thorough investigation is sure to take place. The truth is almost assuredly going to come out.

The time is now for College officials to fess up to anything they may know about the events on that Friday in September.

In addition to the public relations disaster the Bush visit sparked, a lawsuit would cost Southern money it can ill afford. Budgets are tight, and defending the College's reputation would be costly.

The presidential visit could have been a real feather in the cap of Missouri Southern, yet it spawned a legacy no one could have predicted, or for that matter wanted. We hope the ACLU's lawsuit will put to rest any skeletons floating in the closet, and put this matter to rest once and for all.

### Vote, please

Student Senate executive officer elections are upon us again, which generally equates to another rite of apathy for the student body.

Only 318 students bothered to vote in last year's election. That's less than 5 percent of the entire student body.

How pathetic.

With two students, Paul Hood and Cami Davey, running for Senate president, we hope a few more people will take the time to vote.

These are your student leaders, folks.

If you don't take some initiative now, don't complain about them later.



## Media exposes despicable actions

### EDITOR'S COLUMN

Is the purpose of the flood of laws geared to combat a nation of people who are at odds with each other over right vs wrong?



By RAMONA AUSTIN  
EDITORIAL PAGE EDITOR

Being an American who has lived outside the United States seven years of my adult life, I have had several opportunities to detect changes in the American people as a whole. Changes are often gradual and less noticeable to the ones going through the process. However, after extended periods of absence, I have experienced culture shock to a greater extent in my own country. Many transformations in America have been glorious and quite astounding. Yet, I have become disturbed and embarrassed by one particular issue: erosion of the American conscience. Could this possibly be associated with people's present problems and their reactions to these problems? Could the decline of a society be attributed to weakened consciences?

There must be a reason for a government's frantic and continual attempt at rescuing people from themselves through the passages of laws upon laws. America is inundated with rules and regulations which are designed to make people be good boys and girls. New laws are written faster than old laws are made known. Laws exist which we are not even aware of. Verbiage is so detailed that the above average person is strongly advised to secure a lawyer to interpret the law for him or her. We are constantly bombarded with new laws to add to, take away from, replace, reword, make exceptions to, etc., etc., etc.

Is the purpose of our flood of laws geared to combat a nation of people who are at odds with each other over right vs wrong? Are these laws geared to replace a person's conscience? Do I detect a

hint of moral and ethical disruption? Are we setting ourselves up for government to issue codes of conduct, principles, character, and virtues? Should sincere convictions be the backbone for decision making? Can a conscience, that will not crumble, be dictated?

A conscience tells us, "A lie is a lie." A conscience says, "It isn't a lie until the law finds out," or "It isn't a lie because I feel strongly about it!" A conscience says, "This act or behavior hurts others! I can't, and won't risk it." A selfish conscience says, "I only know what I want. Let everyone else take care of themselves," or "The law will catch me!" Bury a conscience, and greed will encourage one to think, "Whatever it takes, right or wrong! I can get around the law!"

As a result of mass media and investigative reporting, we are learning of an alarming number of people exemplifying despicable behavior. Oddly enough, even the law cannot manage to hold the people. (Have you noticed the guilty are becoming the well-educated, experienced, and highly trained white collar workers? Have you noticed their behavior continues on regardless of exposure and publicity?) Without a conscience individuals are able to explain and justify their immoral and illegal actions as progressive, open-minded, and "in the best interest of everyone." If questioned or ridiculed, the same people often label their opposition as judgmental, too conservative, or old fashioned.

So, as students, how does a conscience fit into

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## Education bashing distorts reality

### IN PERSPECTIVE

...America's schools are much better than portrayed by the bashers.



Beware: before you judge or criticize, please try to get the rest of the story.

By DR. JIM SANDRIN  
EDUCATION DEPT. HEAD

In the past several years, bashing of teachers, administrators, and schools at all levels has been in fashion. At times, the bashing has taken on other names such as disinformation or conventional wisdoms as verbalized by individuals and groups.

Conventional wisdom (CW) has been defined by Dr. Hilda Taba, a nationally recognized curriculum expert, as an "assumption springing from magical words which are regarded as so much 'of course' as hardly to require proof or references. These assumptions and words (some call it bashing) are passed readily from hand to hand and person to person like smooth worn coins."

What follows are some selected "conventional wisdoms" identified as CW. The response following the CW tends to deflate the CW and hopefully leads to new insights and understandings, maybe even less bashing of teachers and schools.

According to CW: *US spends more money on education than any other nation in the world.*

When you divorce higher education monies from K-12 expenditures, the US ranks 14th as a percent of per-capita income and ninth in per-pupil expenditures among 16 industrialized countries (1988 dollars). On both counts, Germany and Japan rank ahead of the US. Moreover, we would have to invest \$20 billion per year to reach the average of the 16 industrialized nations.

According to CW: *SAT scores are declining and American schools are in trouble.*

According to David Berliner, Arizona State

University, citing data from the Educational Testing Service and the National Center for Educational Statistics, the average score of every major racial/ethnic group has increased in a 15-year period. In 1975-1990, the combined verbal and math scores of individual sub-groups such as whites, blacks, American-Indian, Mexican-American, and Puerto Rican have increased. According to John Goodlad, *A Place Called School*, he states: "Perhaps the most serious barrier to understanding or improving schools is the inadequate measures we use in seeking to determine their health. We use test scores, such as those on the SAT, as though they tell us something about the condition of schools. The SAT was designed to measure the effectiveness, let alone characteristics of schools."

According to CW: *We should extend our school year because Germany has a longer school year.*

According to the Congressional Research Service, Germany has a school year of 160-170 days. The US has approximately 180 days in the school year.

According to CW: *The Nation at Risk Report is the most comprehensive study ever accomplished relative to education in the US.*

According to the American Education Research Association and the New York Times, the most comprehensive education study ever accomplished in the US was John Goodlad's research study, *A Place Called School*.

According to CW: *American students do not*

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## YOUR LETTERS

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### What is 'normal'?

This letter is in response to the editorial by Brian Sanders in the April 22, 1993 edition of The Chart. Mr. Sanders, and I use the term Mr. Sanders, since when has the Roman Catholic Church (I did not realize it was an empire) ever decide what is "normal" and what is "Christian" in this country? Catholics represent a minority among Christians in this country and they have been a minority since this country began.

You say you were brought up "Christian" and you were not taught to "bash" anything. What, then, do you call your vicious attack on one single organized religion in a country that was built on freedom of religion? To me, your

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## Magic word missing for aborted

Mr. Sanders, an unbashing Christian indeed? Your defilement of Republicans, Rednecks, and Roman Catholics was repulsive. (Prejudiced!)

Hitler blamed the Jews for Germany's woes. Are you suggesting a revolution to cleanse the U.S. of Roman Catholics and have their mass graves beside the already mass graves of aborted babies? Jesus would never condone abortion, a violent act against God's creation. (Even if democracy would be compromised.)

What magic word will be used for the woman when she aches in her "NOW" empty womb because the baby has been dissolved or dissected and vacuumed from the womb?

There is no magical term. All that is left are

the tiny pieces of babies in trash bins waiting to be "disposed of properly" in their mass graves. NOW's only quest is (magic word) "choice" regardless of a lost life. Aborted babies are lucky that Jesus gathers all their tiny torn pieces together again and loves them for all eternity.

Christianity isn't a democracy. It is following all of God's rules in order to be his child. The Roman Catholic Church will support the teachings of God before it will bow down to liberals under the disguise of a democracy.

America has fallen prey to the motto's, "If it feels good, do it," "Live and let live," for the last thirty years. You don't like what you see?

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## Member of three R's speaks out

As I read last week's editorial by Brian Sanders, I wondered whether or not I was a member of the "three R's." I'm not Roman Catholic but I'm fairly religious. I usually vote Republican (especially when the only other choice is a Democrat), and if Mr. Sanders' definition of a "redneck" is similar to my own, I am the daughter of one. So it's fair to say I am partly responsible, according to Mr. Sanders, for the destruction of our democratic society.

I'm afraid it's true that I believe homosexuality and abortion to be morally wrong—but I have no intentions of bombing abortion clinics

of assaulting my gay hairdresser. I'm not writing this, however, to debate morality because, obviously, we have different opinions. (This is a free country, remember?)

I'm responding to the comment that "rednecks" don't like Ice-T because "he's not white." Please allow me to share a story with you. I previously mentioned that I'm the daughter of a "redneck." During the late 50's, my father had a black friend and co-worker. At that time, a black person was not allowed to sit at

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## THE CHART

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## Italy Andreotti's case draws attention Politician one of many to face charges of Mafia conspiracies

THE ECONOMIST

Italians have known their politicians to be corrupt. As they go to vote in a referendum designed to overthrow the old order, they are coming to terms with a more frightening possibility: some politicians have also been working with the Mafia.

The charges are particularly damaging to the Christian Democratic party that has dominated every government since 1945 and which opinion polls suggest would lose the most if an election were to be held now. On April 14, Giulio Andreotti—seven times prime minister, Christian Democratic stalwart and incarnation of the old order—appeared before a committee of the Senate to answer charges of conspiring with the Mafia.

The committee must rule on whether Sicilian magistrates should be allowed to open criminal proceedings against Andreotti, who, as senator for life, has parliamentary immunity. A vote is expected next week, after the referendum.

Andreotti is not the only member of parliament facing such damaging charges.

Last week magistrates from Sicily sent parliament a request to lift the immunity of five more members, including two ex-ministers, to bring charges of conspiring with the Camorra, the Neapolitan version of the Mafia. The magis-

trates suspect Antonio Gava, another Christian Democrat and twice the interior minister, of exchanging favors with gangland chiefs; these are said to have enabled Camorra families to enrich themselves through contracts for reconstruction in the Campania region after an earthquake in 1980.

The same charge hangs over another Christian Democrat, Paolo Cirino Pomicino, budget minister in Andreotti's last government.

But it is Andreotti's case that is mesmerizing Italians. A pocket edition of the Sicilian magistrates' charges against him, given away free with a magazine, was snapped up by the public within hours of publication. The case is based on evidence given by eight Mafia witnesses, all of them self-confessed "men of honor" (murderers).

Andreotti, according to these men, was the political protector of the Mafia. He flatly denies the charge.

Evidence given by two Sicilian Mafia turncoats in America have added several sinister twists to the tale.

Tommaso Buscetta, the first senior Sicilian mafioso to turn state's evidence, has linked Andreotti to the murder of a magazine editor, Mino Pecorelli, in 1979. He also hints at a political motive for the killing of one of the Mafia's most illustrious victims,

LURIE'S WORLD



Time to go on a diet

the government's special anti-Mafia commissioner, Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa, shot in 1982.

Most devastating of all, Buscetta links both the murders to a long-running Italian mystery, the kidnapping and murdering of a former prime minister, Aldo Moro, by the terrorist group the Red Brigades in 1978. Both Dalla Chiesa and Pecorelli, said Buscetta, had documents drafted by Moro before his death that could have damaged members of the Christian Democratic party.

The implication of this seems to be that Moro was killed to protect the Christian Democrats and Dalla Chiesa and Pecorelli were killed to

cover this up.

Italians have been taken aback by Buscetta's allegations, even though they are largely based on hearsay. Francesco Marino Mannoia, once a prized "chemist" in the Mafia's lucrative heroin trade, has added another defamatory charge. He recently told magistrates in Palermo that he had witnessed a meeting between Andreotti and the top brass of Cosa Nostra, the Sicilian Mafia.

None of which, Andreotti told the Senate committee, has been or can be proved. A lawyer's document presented by him in self-defense accuses Palermo's magistrates of political persecution.

But the ex-prime minister's troubles are not over. At a minimum the public is finding him guilty by association. On April 7, a parliamentary committee of inquiry approved a resolution which branded Salvo Lima, Andreotti's murdered Sicilian lieutenant, a Mafia go-between. Lima, once mayor of Palermo, may have been something more.

According to Mannoia, he was a full member of Cosa Nostra. Such friends are no longer acceptable. As Italy goes to the polls, these revelations make it more likely that Italians will vote to end everything Andreotti stands for.

## AID FOR RUSSIA

## Japan takes lead at talks

Promises of aid  
do not always  
add up in reality

THE ECONOMIST

Japan was once the leading skeptic about helping Russian reform, partly because it wanted Russian concessions over the disputed Kurile islands off its north coast and partly because many of its officials believed Boris Yeltsin's economic reforms to be too bold.

That is changing. On April 14, Japan promised Russia \$1.8 billion in bilateral assistance. The meeting of foreign and finance ministers from the Group of Seven rich countries, which began the same day in Tokyo, produced conditional promises of help for Russia worth \$9 billion; \$43.4 billion of that was in multilateral assistance (\$2.4 billion in loans, \$15 billion in debt relief).

Having failed to lead the calls for new aid to Russia, Japan is pleased to lead the granting of it.

"There are some countries which have expressed new commitments, and some countries which have not," observed a man from a foreign ministry, pointedly, at the end of the first day.

Apart from Britain, which promised another \$600 million, the European countries refused to expand their previous commitments. Canada felt it had done its

### Multinational aid to Russia

The Group of Seven nations meets in Tokyo in mid-April to discuss financial aid to Russia. What they pledged in aid at a 1992 Munich meeting and what has been delivered:

Pledged  
Delivered

#### Direct aid to Russia

\$11 billion | \$12.2 billion

#### World Bank, IMF, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

\$4.5 billion | \$1.06 billion

#### Deferred debts

\$2.5 billion | \$2.5 billion

#### Fund for stabilizing ruble

None | \$6 billion

#### Who are the G-7 nations?

■ Britain ■ Italy  
■ Canada ■ Japan  
■ France ■ United States  
■ Germany

SOURCE: Treasury Department

KRT Intographics

share earlier this month, at the time of the Clinton-Yeltsin summit in Vancouver.

This did not stop some foreign

diplomats from grumbling that Japan had just announced a \$116 billion spending program to boost its domestic economy.

Others quibbled at the details of Japan's offer. Just \$100 million is to take the form of humanitarian grants that Russians can hope to receive quickly the bulk of the package—\$1.1 billion—consists of trade insurance.

The Japanese say this will help rebuild Russia's energy industry. Japan depends on energy imports. The Japanese package also includes \$400 million in export credits, \$100 million to help with "denuclearization" and \$120 million toward technical assistance—such as Japanese lessons. Whatever its shortcomings, Japan's offer persuaded Boris Yeltsin to say that he would visit Tokyo soon. Japan is hoping he will make concessions on the Kurile islands.

Bilateral aid produced the squabbles, multilateral aid the dollars. The International Monetary Fund and World Bank are to stump up \$4.1 billion between them. The first tranche of this money is to be disbursed when the Russians provide more convincing economic policies.

If all goes well, that will be followed by \$10.1 billion for a full IMF stabilization program, plus another \$14.2 billion in finance structural reforms and imports. There are plenty of dollars riding on Russia's forthcoming referendum.

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By the way, Hitler was quite wrong. Jewish people have much to offer. In fact, the greatest gift mankind came out of the Jewish nation—Jesus Christ.

John Fisher  
Sophomore business major

## PHILIPPINES

## Military now helping protect environment

By TIMOTHY LANGE  
EARTH MATTERS

The Palanan wilderness, the largest remaining rain forest in the Philippines, will soon come under the protection of a novel arrangement. The project, a three-way deal of the U.S. military, the Philippine government and the U.S.-based Conservation International, will use equipment from the decommissioning of the U.S. naval base at Subic Bay to patrol the area for log smugglers.

The Palanan, which has nearly ten percent of the remainder of the islands' rain forest, is thought to contain more than 5,000 plant species. Every day, boats with illegally cut timber from the wilderness sail for saw

mills in other provinces. Patrol boats from Subic Bay will be used to intercept the boats and as mobile research stations, according to Gemini News Service.

The Philippines is not the only country where the military is being used to combat environmental problems.

In India, said retired General Eustace de Souza, a former president of the World Wildlife Fund-India: "We have three Eco-Territorial Battalions, two stationed in the degraded Himalayas and one in the Great Indian desert. These are made up of retired in afforestation, reforestation and combating soil erosion."

In Vietnam, the army is running a project to reforest areas defoliated by Agent Orange during the Vietnam War.

## EARTH MATTERS

## Europeans show no faith in industry

An opinion poll conducted for the European Commission shows that Europeans consider environmental groups the most reliable source of information on the environment (63 percent), followed by scientists (50 percent), and industry (a measly four percent). The results, reports the newsletter *Business and the Environment*, are similar to findings of comparable surveys done in the United States.

The "Europeans and the En-

vironment in 1992" survey of nearly 13,000 people found that the majority (72 percent) want environmental policy to be set at the EC level. Only 24 percent favored leaving environmental policy solely up to their national government. The poll also revealed that public that public concern about environment in the poorer nations of southern Europe is much greater than the issue's seemingly low political profile in that region.

Among other findings:

## WORLD MUSIC

## Africa hit again as resource

THE ECONOMIST

A phenomenon on the pop scene is the rise of "world music." With rock growing ever more jaded and repetitious, musicians are trawling exotic locales for inspiration.

A favorite hunting ground is Africa—the source of the basic impetus of all forms of jazz and blues, and most pop music. Many records borrow material and even players from Africa. Some critics espy a new form of colonialism; another example of the West stripping assets from the Third World countries for its own purposes.

They have a point. World music is generally not a scrupulous blending of forms but a leveling down—a rather cynical illustration that a rock beat can be added to anything.

Even worse, a version of Gresham's Law has ensued, where the inferior hybrid drives out the authentic article—even on its own ground.

With such tendencies afoot, it is heartening to be able to report exceptions. On a recent tour of Britain, Randy Weston, an American jazz pianist, demonstrated that it was possible for a western genre to use African music without debasing it.

Weston's sensitivity is the result of enthusiasm and first-hand experience. He has lived in Africa for considerable periods of time and currently divides his time between Morocco and his native Brooklyn.

Weston's concert's were in part an attempt to bring authentic Moroccan music to British audiences.

Besides his own quintet, the lineup presented an extraordinary trio of black Moroccans, part of the Ganawan tribe who trace their lineage back to West Africa.

Ganawan music is at once ancient and spontaneous, with a joyous vocal and rhythmic vitality that obviously relates it to the jazz style. Yet it has its own characteristic subtleties, which Weston preserved intact by letting the Ganawans play several numbers by themselves before combining the groups in an exuberant jam session.

Weston's good sense in programming derives from his regard for African music as a separate and distinguished entity.

Though it has strong affinities with his own style, he does not copy the world-music practice of searching out African forms he can adapt to his own vocabulary. He views himself above all as a student drawing from African music lessons which are not merely technical, but spiritual.

—85 percent of the respondents considered environmental protection an "immediate and urgent" problem, up 11 percentage points from the last such survey in 1988;

—Four percent said they believed priority should be given to economic development at the expense of environmental protection;

—More than 90 percent were "somewhat" or "very" worried about threats to their own countries posed by damage to wildlife, pollution, and industrial waste.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'Neo-Nazi' clarifies position on issues

I've certainly been called a lot of things in my life, and now I am added to that list: Neo-Nazi, untrusting, overtly heterosexual—that's a new one, oppressive, short-sighted, and ignorant. Whew! If nothing else, Mr. Doubledee you certainly brought a chuckle to my otherwise dreary Thursday. Thanks.

I offer the following comments, hopefully, clarify my position on this subject: I have no fear whatsoever of homosexuals. I am firmly opposed to "gay bashing." Anyone who attacks homosexuals, or anyone else, should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. I fully support the right of everyone to their own privacy. Whatever

people do in their own home is their own business and no one else's. The problem I have with the homosexual agenda, is that these folks want special status based on their behavior. And they don't stop there. They also want their lifestyle taught to children in schools as an acceptable alternative. At least one homosexual group has called for quotas at the three military academies. I disagree with these positions. And yes, I see this as a moral issue. I'm not ashamed to say that. And yes, I am a Christian, and no, I'm not ashamed of that either. I'll ask the question again. Where do we draw the line? How many other groups, based on their behavior,

will line up next to be recognized as a legitimate minority?

It is quite possible to oppose the action and still have concern and compassion for the individual. I don't know anyone who favors lining up homosexuals, or anyone else, and shipping them to concentration or slave labor camps. That's ridiculous.

By the way, Hitler was quite wrong. Jewish people have much to offer. In fact, the greatest gift mankind came out of the Jewish nation—Jesus Christ.

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Sophomore business major

scheme of things?" We have freely chosen to pursue an academic education. Our abilities, great or poor, will impact lives. Likewise, our consciences which we have developed, or will develop along the way, will influence why and how

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the front of a restaurant to eat. (If he or she would be served at all.) So every time my white, redneck father and his black friend would go to a restaurant, they would sit and eat together in the kitchen or storage area of the establishment.

My father did this because he did not want to hurt his friend's feelings and because he didn't give a damn what anyone else thought

we deploy and maneuver our acquired skills. My question is: Do we tend to neglect this area of our lives? What is our source for virtuous guidelines? Will we overlook the seriousness of this question until a moment of decision emerges?

I agree, especially when it comes to people like you who stereotype by completely disregarding the differences in all groups of people.

emerges; when personal gain and desires weigh heavily on one side of the scale?

Will we rely on a nursed, frail conscience, or clutch a strong healthy conscience that is alive and well? You tell me!

(P.S. I don't even like Arnold Schwarzenegger!)

Stacy Scott  
Freshman communications major







UPCOMING  
EVENTSCALENDAR  
ON CAMPUS

## Taylor Auditorium

Tonight — Symphonic Band Concert, 7:30 p.m.  
Monday — College/Community Orchestra concert, 7:30 p.m.  
May 6 — Jazz Band concert, 7:30 p.m.  
May 11 — Choral Concert, 7:30 p.m.

## Webster Auditorium

May 8 — MSSVA Student Recital, 2:00 p.m.

## Matthews Hall

Tonight — Public Debate: "Do Homosexuals Belong In The Military?", 7 p.m., room 102.

## Spiva Art Center

623-0183  
Through May 14 — Senior Exhibits.

## JOPLIN

## The Bypass

624-9095  
Tomorrow — Frankie Lee and the Blues Notations.  
Saturday — The Victors.  
May 6 — Trout Fishing In America.  
May 8 — Walking On Einstein.  
Maxi's  
623-1055  
Tonight — The Forester Sisters.

## CARTHAGE

## Stone's Throw Theatre

358-9665  
Through Sunday — "The Oldest Living Graduate."

## TULSA

## Tulsa Convention Center

Saturday — Alan Jackson.

## SPRINGFIELD

## Hammons Center

(417) 836-5774  
Tomorrow — Alan Jackson.  
Hammons Hall  
(417) 836-6782  
May 10 — David Copperfield.

## KANSAS CITY

## Municipal Auditorium

(816) 931-3330  
May 9 — James Brown.  
Arrowhead Stadium  
(816) 931-3330  
May 31 — Paul McCartney.

## ST. LOUIS

## Busch Stadium

(314) 291-7600  
Tonight — Paul McCartney.

## Mississippi Nights

(314) 421-3853  
Wednesday — Belly.  
May 7 — John Scofield Quartet.  
May 12 — Shawn Colvin.

## Hi-Pointe

(314) 781-4716  
Tomorrow — Head Candy.

## American Theatre

(314) 291-7600  
Saturday — Steven Wright.

## Fox Theatre

(314) 534-1678  
May 8 — Triple Threat of Comedy featuring Bernie Mac, D.L. Hughey and Teddy Carpenter.  
May 9 — Patti LaBelle.

## A LITTLE HERE...



Michelle Vineyard, junior art major, prepares a watercolor storyboard for a graphic communications class.

## COMMUNITY CONCERT ASSOCIATION

## Membership drive announced

Mantovani Orchestra, Brothers Four scheduled

By ALLISON GROSSE  
STAFF WRITER

The Joplin Community Concert Association has announced its membership drive for the 1993-94 concert season will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. May 3-8 at Ernie Williamson Music House, 611 Main.

Five musical performances are slated for the new season.

The Mantovani Orchestra, the first scheduled performance, will present a concert titled "The Best of Broadway." It will feature the same scores that made Mantovani a household name in the field of popular entertainment. Traveling with the Mantovani Orchestra will be soloist John Gary. Gary has spent 25 years performing in concerts and at night clubs, and has 28 albums.

The Brothers Four began more than 30 years ago as a fraternity

singing group. "Greenfield," the group's first release, sold more than three million copies. It was followed by several hit songs, including "Yellow Bird," "Blue Water," and "Try to Remember." The foursome is composed of Bob Flick, John Paine, Mark Pearson, and Terry Lauber. They accompany themselves on guitars, banjo, mandolin, and upright bass.

Mezzo-soprano Mignon Dunn has appeared in virtually every leading opera company in the United States and abroad. Most frequently, Dunn has appeared with the Metropolitan Opera in every major mezzo-soprano role. She was featured in Metropolitan Opera's Centennial Gala.

The Vivaldi Orchestra in Moscow, which is made up entirely of young women, has an extensive repertoire which includes not only the works of Vivaldi, but also those

of Bach, Mozart, Scarlatti, Rossini, Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich, and Glazunov. The string group performed at the 150th anniversary of Tchaikovsky's birth and at the International Music Festival in Hamburg, Germany.

The final concert of the series will be the Missouri Southern International Piano Competition. The fifth annual competition promises to attract extraordinary pianists from around the globe. The week-long competition will culminate with a gala concert in which all the winners and finalists display their talents for the audience.

Admission to each concert is by season membership only. No tickets to individual performances are sold. Membership fees are \$25 for adults, \$12.50 for students, and \$62.50 for a family. Late membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$15 for students, and \$75 for family membership. Interested persons may call 624-3157 or visit Ernie Williamson Music House for more information.

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

## Symphonic Band performs tonight

By SHERI RULE  
STAFF WRITER

Tonight, the stage is set in Taylor Auditorium for music from Missouri Southern's Symphonic Band.

The band, under the direction of Pete Havelly, director of bands and head of the music department, and Robert L. Meeks, assistant band director, will present a free concert at 7:30 p.m. tonight in Taylor Auditorium.

The band will perform selections by Sousa, Grainger, Williams and Boyer-Lake, among others.

Havelly said the band has different functions for the fall and spring semesters.

"In the concert band, we have 90 members," he said. "Basically, the band is the band both semesters. First semester is marching band, and when the marching thing is over we come inside and do concert stuff."

"The marching band always has some more people in it because you've got flags and things like that. The marching band had 109 or so members this year."

Southern's music department does not require auditions from students interested in joining the band.

"We do not require an audition to get into the band," Havelly said. "However, once you're in the band, generally at the beginning of the second semester, we do have tryouts for placement within the band."

"This way, we can put strong players in all sections so we sound good. We have tryouts, but the tryouts are not to get into the band. They're just for placement once you're in."

Havelly said tonight will be the concert band's second performance on campus this year.

"The band does some traveling and presents concerts in other communities, and even sometimes in other states," he said. "We just got back yesterday off of a short spring tour where we presented concerts at Carthage, Grandview, and Creighton."

This semester's band has done quite well, Havelly said.

"We have a particularly good group of students this year," he said. "It's one of our better bands that we've had and it's a really nice bunch of people to work with."

## DEBATE

## 'New arena' for arguing forming

By HONEY SCOTT  
STAFF WRITER

Inquire within: The Missouri Southern Speech and Debate Society is now forming.

"It's the new arena for argumentative gladiators," said Paul Hood, senior English major.

The society is not limited to the debate squad, and it is for anyone who wants to debate or argue on current controversial issues.

"The debate society is coming together," said Eric Morris, debate coach. "It should give a different form of involvement not only for debaters, but also for people who are interested in arguing, debating, and watching."

Morris said the society should be formed by late spring and plans to be active by early fall.

"Talking and arguing about things that people are interested in ought to provide an exciting atmosphere," he said.

The present members of the debate squad are also hopeful that the society will new opportunities for fellow students.

"The society will give students the opportunity not only to be involved with the public debates and hear speakers, but will also allow for participation in alternative forms

and styles of debate like parliamentary, which are not the focus of the CEDA squad," said Ken Delaughder, senior communications major.

"Lots of people enjoy intelligent argument over controversial issues," Hood said. "They should enjoy what the speech and debate society has to offer."

"I hope that the speech and debate society helps maintain the high level of culture that Missouri Southern is famous for," said Delaughder. "Debate was once a renowned cultural exercise, much like a classical concert, by informing the campus and providing a forum for issues. Perhaps we can bring some of that to Southern."

Members of the debate squad went to Kansas State University last weekend for a gathering with fellow debaters. Debaters came from as far away as Michigan, Florida, North Dakota, and Arizona.

"It is important to have a time of relaxation with other debaters, in a chance to see them in a situation other than as enemies," Delaughder said.

In other debate news, the public debate over homosexuals in the military will be held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. tonight in Room 102 of Matthews Hall.

## STONE'S THROW THEATRE

## Southern student acts in 'Graduate' revival

By BRIAN SANDERS  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Salty old Colonel J.C. Kinkade has returned to the Stone's Throw Theatre in Carthage.

A revival of *The Oldest Living Graduate*, the third and most popular play in Preston Jones' *Texas Trilogy*, opened last night and runs through Sunday at the Carthage dinner theater, located west of Carthage at Norwalk Road and old highway 66.

The cast includes Brandi Backer, senior theatre major from Carthage.

"It all centers around this fictional town called Bradleyville," Backer said. "The whole trilogy is about the Colonel—his life story is in all three, and this play takes place at the end of his life."

"He lives on a ranch with his son and wife, who take care of him. He favors his oldest son, because he is dead, and does not really pay a lot of attention to the younger son, who is still alive, even though he takes care of him."

"The youngest son is trying to get the ranch from him after he dies," Backer added, "because it is his last opportunity to make something of himself. And the Colonel keeps telling him no, but in the end, he gives him the ranch."

*Texas Trilogy*, which also features Luann Hampton Lavery Oberlander and *The Last Meeting of the Knights of the White Magnolia*, opened on Broadway in the 1976-77 season to high critical acclaim, winning the "Outer Critics," "Drama Desk" and

"Golden Apple" awards. The play later became a well-received television vehicle for the late Henry Fonda.

The play was first performed at Stone's Throw in 1986, under the direction of Henry Heckert, who also directed this production. William Roehling, Joplin, is repeating his role as the cantankerous Kinkade; Betty Bell, Carolyn Mc Morrow, John Reynolds and Charlie Rogers also will take their original parts in the revival production.

"The thrust stage will suggest a veteran patrons the setting we employed during the 1986 presentation," Heckert said. "However, we have re-thought and thereby simplified the acting area and its design, the result being an entirely new set-

ting for the play.

"We are very fortunate at Stone's Throw in having a stage that does not restrict our designers; we can use a standard box set, or we can practically throw away all walls and let space do the trick."

Backer said her constant involvement at Stone's Throw led her to participate in the *Graduate* revival.

"I've been working out here for 11 years, doing hair and makeup, and directing plays," she said. "So when I found out they were doing this one, I put my name up for this one."

After graduating from Missouri Southern, Backer plans to do professional makeup.

"I've done makeup for four years for Southern productions," she said. "After I graduate, I'd like to

become a special-effects makeup artist."

The theater has announced the production as a tribute to the work of both Jones and his wife, the former Mary Sue Birkhead of Carthage, at the Dallas Theatre Center, Dallas, Texas. Jones died in 1979; his wife, in 1992.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. today through Sunday for evening presentations, and at 1 p.m. Saturday for the matinee performance. Admission is \$7.00 per person, but many of the performances have already sold out, so tickets are limited. Dinner will not be served; however, concessions will be offered.

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## ▶ JOPLIN CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

# Chamber honors Leons for service

Couple first dual winner since award began

By T.R. HANRAHAN  
SENIOR EDITOR

Being named Citizen of the Year by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce took College President Julio Leon by surprise—for a couple of reasons.

The first reason is that the winner does not know until the annual award is announced.

The second reason is that, for the first time since the award was created in 1967, there were two winners. Vivian Leon, director of Southern's International Piano Competition, was honored along with her husband.

"Of course I didn't expect [to win]," Julio Leon said. "This was a total surprise and to be named as a couple, that is an honor."

community, his involvement with educational organizations, and the growth and progress of the College since he became president in 1982. He said Missouri Southern has a responsibility to play a positive role in the community.

"The primary function of any college or university is not only to provide educational services, but be actively engaged in making it better," Dr. Leon said. "I think Missouri Southern will continue to be involved in any facet in the region that is interested and dedicated to development—whether it be educational, commercial, or artistic."

Dr. Leon said the award is indeed an honor, but the entire city and the College share responsibility for progress.

"I think it is a mutual relationship. When the College progresses in its mission, the city benefits. Likewise, when the city progresses, it is good for Missouri Southern."

"Obviously, it is good for us to be involved in development."

— Dr. Julio Leon

The award, created to recognize community leadership and service, cited both Leons for their involvement in the Joplin community.

Mrs. Leon was recognized for her involvement with the International Piano Competition, the Community Concert Association, the Missouri Arts Council, and the American Field Service.

Dr. Leon, who joined the Missouri Southern faculty in 1968, was cited for his active work in the

"I think it is a mutual relationship," he said. "When the College progresses in its mission, the city benefits. Likewise, when the city progresses, it is good for Missouri Southern."

"Obviously, it is good for us to be involved in development."

In addition to the Leons' award, the Chamber also recognized the efforts of outstanding area teachers with the Golden Apple Award.

## BEATS A DAY AT THE OFFICE



T.R. HANRAHAN/The Chart

Joplin resident Jerry DeBont takes some time to work on his short game at the Renge Line Golf Center. DeBont said he doesn't know his handicap but does know his game needs work around the greens.

# Spring has sprung!

Joplinites take advantage of warmer temperatures

Temperatures in the mid-70s returned to Joplin Monday and Tuesday, signaling at last the return of spring.

National Weather Service reports indicate that rain may be in the forecast for the Joplin area but, for the most part, the cold days are over. Activity on Joplin's streets and at outdoor facilities was brisk and at least one resident said he is glad spring is here.

"Usually on a Tuesday I'll get in about 36 holes of golf," said Jerry DeBont. "I make time for my golf game and the weather [Tuesday] is perfect."

The weekend forecast calls for highs in the mid-70s with partly cloudy skies and a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms.

Other signs are present that spring is now upon the Joplin area. Local activities have begun to focus their attention outdoors.

If there are any doubts that summer is around the corner, the beginning of the tennis season should dispel them.

The Joplin Parks and Recreation Department tennis leagues will begin on Monday, May 3 at the Shifferdecker Park North Courts.

The leagues will run from May 3 to Sept. 30. The cost will be \$15 per individual and \$25 for families of two or more.

For more information, persons may contact the Parks Department at 624-0820 or Annie Clarkson at 782-8680.

For his part, though, DeBont said his routine would not change much.

"I usually play golf two or three times a week," he said.

## ▶ ZONING

# Commission deadlocks on request

When the Joplin City Council meets on Monday, it won't hear from the city's Zoning and Planning Commission.

At its meeting Monday, the commission deadlocked 3-3 on a motion to deny a request for a zoning change to allow multiple-family residential development in the 4100 block of Indiana Avenue. The request will now go before the Council without a recommendation.

Around 30 residents attended the meeting to oppose the request.

According to Mike Buckingham, who outlined the plan, land in the area already had "mixed" uses. Buckingham cited mobile homes, mini-storage business, and apartments and duplexes nearby. He also said the land was suited for multiple-family housing because of its proximity to Interstate 44 and topography.

Nearby residents had a different opinion, however. They expressed concern that such a zoning change would hurt property values and increase traffic. Petitions signed by 73 residents were presented to the commission.

Several residents spoke against the petition, but the strongest show of opposition came when at least 30 people stood when asked if they were attending to voice opposition to the proposal.

The area in question is a six-acre tract at 4101 Indiana Avenue.

In other action Monday, the commission:

• Recommended approval of a proposal that Joplin annex the southwest corner of 32nd Street and Shifferdecker Avenue.

## ▶ HEALTH SERVICES

# Crisis Pregnancy Center gives women abortion alternative

By CHRISTINA WATKINS  
ADVERTISING MANAGER

The Crisis Pregnancy Center was built upon a firm belief that every woman needs a safe place to go and be dealt with honestly and compassionately.

"We opened in July of 1990, since that time we have seen about 700 clients," said Kim Conroy, director of the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Conroy said all services offered through the Center are free; such as pregnancy testing and confidential counseling in the areas of crisis

intervention, fetal development information, abortion procedures and alternatives, options of parenting and adoption, post-abortion counseling, and single parenting help.

"We are totally non-profit—we don't make any money off the women we serve and our services are totally free and confidential," Conroy said.

Funding comes from the four-state area.

"We are funded by private donations, churches, Christian families and individuals," said Rita Lawson,

assistant director of the Crisis Pregnancy Center.

Accurate information on all options is offered to all women and, depending upon what decision is reached, the center proceeds from there, Conroy said.

"Anything that a woman needs to help her carry her baby to term, we supply," said Conroy.

According to Conroy, this includes free material resources such as baby clothes and furniture, diapers and supplies, maternity clothes, transportation, referrals to local agencies, and housing for

clients who are homeless.

"We are listed as an abortion alternative," said Lawson. "We do not refer or recommend abortion."

Lawson said the center gives accurate information about the abortion procedure, the risks to a woman's body and post-abortion syndrome. Trained volunteers counsel women who come into or call the center.

"We will give them information that they are not able to get at an abortion clinic or by a place that has a vested interest in abortion," Conroy said. "What we will give them is the truth."

According to Conroy, statistics compiled by the Missouri Department of Health show 17,171 abortions were performed in Missouri in 1991. Statistics compiled by the United States Department of Health show that 1.6 million abortions were performed nationwide in 1991.

The approximate cost of an abortion, according to Conroy, is anywhere from \$300 to \$2,500 depending upon what stage of pregnancy the woman is in at the time of the abortion.

"Abortion is the only surgical pro-

cedure in this country that a woman does not have to be told the risks," said Conroy.

She added that when a woman is pregnant, she is going to have a baby. The question is whether the baby will be born alive or dead. Conroy said that pregnancy is not reversible.

"The reason we are here is to offer women positive solutions to a difficult situation, so that five years down the road they know they made the right choice."

For more information, persons may call the center at 624-8030.

## City Briefs

### • 2 Inductees to join Joplin Golf Hall of Fame

This Saturday, two men will join area golf immortals when they are inducted into the Joplin Golf Hall of Fame.

Woodson Oldham, a former judge, will be inducted for both his playing ability and his contribution to the game. He will join fellow inductee Mike Hammond, a two-time Ozarks Amateur champion.

The men will be the 35th and 36th members inducted since the shrine began in 1985.

### ▶ CLOSED-MINDED, from page 4

You are getting exactly what you want—social deviancy is breeding and thriving.

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opinion, freedom of speech doesn't apply to anyone who opposes a liberal view.

Who did you say was close-minded?

Teresa Bowman  
Freshman nursing major

### ▶ MR, from page 4

attack on my Christian faith evokes memories of ghastly holocausts and horrible KKK attacks on innocent Christians that occurred not so long ago.

You then referred to the recent NOW reorganization in this area. You appear to believe that Catholics want to keep women barefoot and pregnant. Nothing could be further from the truth. The primary area of dissension between the Catholic Church and NOW is the abortion debate. Catholics do not want to impose any new rules on anybody. We would just like for the current law pertaining to mur-

der to be enforced for all living people.

Why is it, "Mr." Sanders, that you feel that all of the freedoms guaranteed by our constitution apply only to people that agree with you? You are much more a hypocrite than those you rail against in your editorial, because you do not have a clue as to what you are talking about. You personify the statement, "Ignorance is the most violent element in our society."

Greg Bowman  
Junior accounting major

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## POLICE ACADEMY Training hours may rise

By JEFFREY SLATTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Senate Bill 268 passes the Missouri House of Representatives; the Police Academy at Missouri Southern will see an increase in the number of training hours needed for candidates.

The House sponsor, Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca), said the bill would increase the number of training hours needed to 450.

The bill passed the Senate last week and is currently in House committee, he said. "I think it has a very good chance of passing this year," he said.

Singleton says one reason the bill will pass is the agreement by law enforcement associations for the bill as a good one.

The Missouri Sheriff's Association, the Director of the Department of Safety, and the Police Chief's Association all support the bill, he said.

Singleton said Missouri is currently ranked last in number of police training hours required, 120.

"We could double the required hours to 240 and still be 50th in the nation," he said. "By bringing the hours to 450, we will be about average compared to the rest of the country."

One hour of domestic violence training is currently required by the bill, Singleton said.

"This bill will allow more professionalism among police officers, and make them better trained than they ever have been in the past," he said.

Singleton also said police officers currently do not have to be certified as well, but the bill would change that.

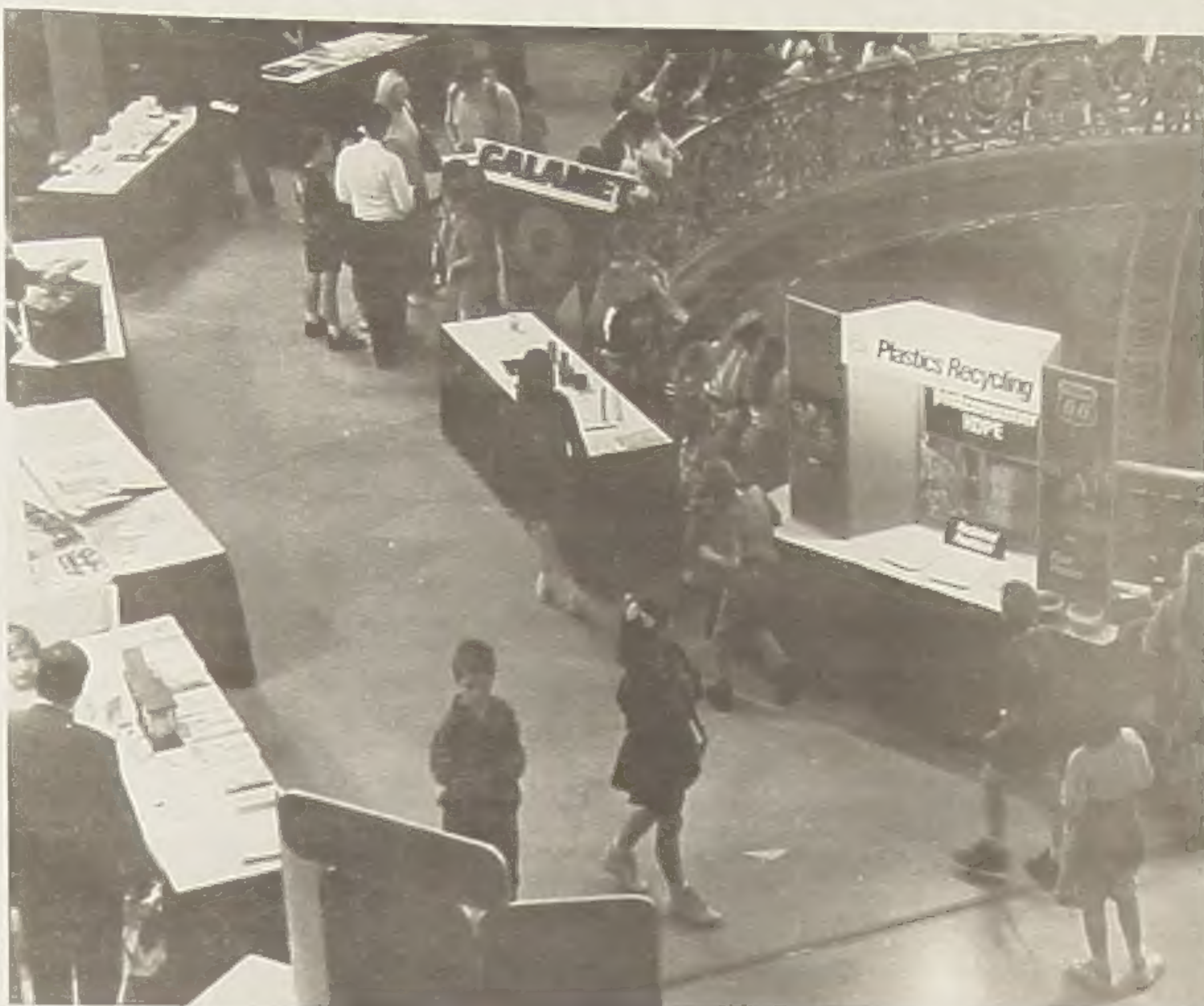
Right now, a police officer must be certified within one year after being hired, he said. "We feel it will help the situation greatly."

Several grandfather clauses also are included in the bill.

Singleton said the bill will cost individual departments no money because the officer candidates are still in school when they complete the hours.

"Local training funds will be paid in counties where they are needed," he said.

## ENERGY EFFICIENT



Elementary school students observe the Energy Fair, held on the third floor of the Capitol Tuesday, during a guided tour of the building.

## SCHOOL FOUNDATION FORMULA

# Senate passes plan 24-9 in 1:15 a.m. vote

By JEFFREY SLATTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Missouri Governor Mel Carnahan's plan for increasing state aid to schools made progress this week, passing out of the Senate, while the funding portion of the bill remains stalled in the House of Representatives.

The Senate voted 24-9 on Monday to send the school-aid change bill to the House where most expect it to also become a tax-increase bill.

Sen. Marvin Singleton (R-Seneca) said he voted against the bill because he felt the Senate did not look into some of the problems

with the bill.

"The Senate did not address the desegregation problems in St. Louis and Kansas City," he said. "Add to that the fact that Kansas City may receive an additional \$139 million."

"We've heard a lot about 'fair visions' changed to 'shared visions.' I see it as blurred vision," Singleton said the increase in school levies to \$3 was unfair to Southwest Missouri schools.

"In McDonald County, the levy is currently \$1.33, Newton County is \$1.30, and Jasper is \$2.60," he said. "I'm against raising the levy without a vote of the people."

"I'm going to have to vote no [on the tax package] unless there is a vote of the people."

Singleton said the vote in the Senate was taken at 1:15 a.m. and for the aforementioned reasons, he voted no.

"I yield in the majority at this point," he said. "The bill will move to the House, and when it comes back I will have another shot at correcting the problems."

The House is expected to take up the tax package designed to fund the foundation formula. Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin) said the bill passed out of committee with the elimination of the federal tax deduction originally asked for by Carnahan.

Burton said the Republican Caucus would like to see no tax increase this year, "period."

"We already have \$50 million set

aside to fund elementary and secondary education," he said. "We would like to fund the program over a three-to-four year time period."

"In the second year, some of the riverboat gambling money, \$50 to 75 million, will kick in."

Burton said he would like any tax increase to go to a vote of the people.

"The people spoke loudly on the Proposition B election," he said. "They are not interested in any kind of tax increase."

The schools in Joplin do not really care whether or not the money comes right away, as long as they know it will be coming eventually, Burton said.

## CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE

# Auditor blasts University spending

By JEFFREY SLATTON  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg has become the latest victim of State Auditor Margaret Kelly's department for what she calls questionable management decisions, inadequate accounting procedures, and extravagant expenditures.

The problems Kelly cites include:

- CMSU could not locate, and had reported as lost or stolen, almost \$3 million worth of equipment and other items including cars and trucks, computer equipment, 46 cameras and 22 televisions. Some of the equipment reported lost or stolen was later located by state auditors.

- The University had nearly \$3.5 million in uncollected fees owed to the school by students as of Nov. 1, 1992.

- The school subsidized the athletic department by approximately \$7.8 million over a five-year period that ended June 30, 1992. The subsidy accounted for 92 percent of athletic program expenses, the subsidy in addition to the revenues the department receives from ticket sales, game guarantees, concessions, and gifts.

Reported expenses included scuba and snorkeling excursions, and movie passes for university teams.

- The university spent more than \$2.8 million during the past five years to operate a public radio station and public television station, yet no university degree programs require any course work at these stations.

- In 1991, the University loaned

the CMSU Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation, \$160,000 to purchase furnishings for the new alumni center. Kelly said the Missouri Constitution prohibits government agencies, including universities, from lending money to a private organization.

"Every university needs to handle its business activity in a manner that will warrant the public's trust," Kelly said. "In many of their responses to our recommended actions, university officials have disregarded their responsibilities to the taxpayers and students who support the university."

Kelly's audit also blasted CMSU for a number of other university expenditures.

"Although not material in relation to the entire university budget, I consider these expenditures to be extravagant or inappropriate uses of university funds," she said.

Some of the expenditures listed in the audit included: an \$8,000 contribution to the Missourians for Quality Education (Proposition B) campaign, as well as reimbursement of University President Ed Elliott for several contributions, including political contributions made by him and his wife during fiscal years 1990 through 1992. Kelly said those political contributions included checks written to her campaign.

"The president and his wife wrote personal checks to my campaign," Kelly said. "As a result of our audit, I discovered they were later reimbursed for those checks by the university."

"Since the \$350 contribution in effect came from the university and not from individuals, my campaign

committee has sent a check for that amount to the university. In its response to our review, the university has indicated it will continue this practice. I am appalled by its decision to do so."

Kelly said the state constitution prohibits the granting of public funds to any person, association, municipality, or other corporation.

The audit also showed that in addition to the president's annual compensation package of \$146,000, a provided house, maid service, and car, the following expenditures were approved by the CMSU Board of Regents:

- \$2,743 for airline ticket upgrades (from coach to first class) using university funds.
- \$5,784 for airline ticket upgrades (from coach to first class) using CMSU Foundation funds.
- \$2,782 for airline tickets for the president's son, using university funds.
- \$524 in meals for the president's extended family, using university funds.

"A public university must very carefully manage each and every dollar it receives, no matter how large or small the amount of money being spent," Kelly said. "In its written responses, the university has agreed with very little in this review."

"In significant areas the university has attempted to justify its actions and has indicated it has little or no intention to implement our recommendations. On behalf of Missouri taxpayers, and students and parents paying tuition to CMSU, I am disappointed in their responses."

## HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

### Limbaugh to speak at SEMO graduation

U.S. District Judge Stephen N. Limbaugh, Sr. will present the spring commencement address May 8 at Southeast Missouri State University.

Limbaugh is the Missouri representative on the Judicial Council of the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. He is currently handling an active St. Louis docket of 520 civil and criminal cases and a Cape Girardeau docket of 290 cases.

The commencement is scheduled for 2 p.m. in the Show Me Center.

### UMKC to offer summer history institute

Area high school teachers can examine history topics not usually covered in the standard textbooks at a five-day institute this summer at the University of Missouri-Kansas City.

The UMKC School of Education is offering the World History Institute for high school social studies teachers Aug. 2-6. The institute will focus on world societies, linkages among people outside of Europe and long-term patterns of historical change. The program will be led by high school teachers and will provide participants with classroom-tested lesson plans which can easily be integrated into existing curriculum.

Interested persons may contact Susan Adler (816) 235-2460.

### SMSU student finalist for Telly Award

A Southwest Missouri State University communications team comprised of students and faculty qualified as a finalist in the Telly Award. The Telly Award is a national contest that recognizes outstanding non-network and cable TV commercials, film, and video productions, and non-network programming.

Sandy Broerman's entry was one of 8,000 sent this year from 17 of the 50 states. On the average, between 20-27 percent of the entries become finalists and receive a bronze Telly. The video was produced by Broerman, junior communications major, directed by Jim Kellett, communications instructor, Mark Biggs, communications instructor, served as cinematographer, and junior Steve Weaver helped with the filming.

### Lifelong student becomes NEMSU dean of students

A lifelong student will begin his active learning on July 13 as Northeast Missouri State University's new dean of students.

President Russell Warren announced the appointment of Mark Shanley last week. He will replace Vonnie Nichols, acting dean of students, who will become the director of human resources upon Russ Harrison's retirement in July.

### SMSU offers adult education seminar July 12

Southwest Missouri State University Curriculum and Instruction Professor Clyde Paul recently received a \$33,215 grant from the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to fund an "Adult Basic Education Summer Institute."

The grant will provide funds for a 12-day residential seminar July 12-23. Interested persons may contact Paul at (417) 836-5070.

## WHERE'S THE BALL?



JEFFREY SLATTON/The Chart

Students climb on the Thomas Jefferson Memorial in search of their ball which was inadvertently tossed onto the monument Monday. The children were on a lunch break from their field trip.

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## Sportsmanship like nowhere else



Slipping over the crossbar, a Purdy R-2 student attempts a high jump in the 12-15 year-old female category of the pentathlon competition.



Earning points early, Shawn Ferrell of Carthage wins the 400-meter dash. It was the first event of the pentathlon for 16-21 year-old males.



Giving it his all, Adam Parker of Carthage throws a tennis ball in the 12-15 year-old male ball throw competition. Fellow wheelchair competitors included his brother Jamie Parker and Donald Byron of Aurora.



Coming close to clearing the bar, Greg Farris of Purdy is disappointed with his try at the 12-15 year-old male high jump competition. Farris tried again and ended up placing third in this event of the pentathlon.

## Nearly 600 athletes help mark 25 years of Special Olympics

Success, pride, and a sense of accomplishment is what the Special Olympics tries to instill in the athletes who compete in it.

Approximately 600 developmentally disabled school-aged youth or adults participated in Saturday's event held at the Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

"It offers training and competition to these handicapped folks," said Pam White, Area 5 director of Missouri Special Olympics. "By participating in the events, and hopefully being successful in them, they can receive confidence and build self-esteem."

White said the event, which began with a parade of athletes, presentation of the color guard, and national anthem singing, is run like any other track and field competition in the United States.

"We have the regular track meet

events such as the dashes and the long jump," she said. "We have some volleyball, and other events for the low motor athletes."

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the Special Olympics.

Saturday's meet catered to athletes from a seven-county area: Barton, Barry, Dade, McDonald, Newton, Jasper, and Lawrence.

"This gives them a way to participate in what 'normal'—if there is such a thing as normal-type of kids can participate in," White said.

Saturday's event relied heavily on volunteers, said Linda Wilkerson, member of the area committees for training and games.

"They have been extremely helpful," Wilkerson said. "Missouri Southern has become extremely involved in helping run this."

Approximately 400 volunteers worked in various areas to make the day successful.

The groups included the athletic department, the nursing department, student services, and the Greek sororities and fraternities.

Many other Southern students volunteered as individuals, rather than as part of an organization.

"There is a 15-member committee that puts this together," White said. "There is no way we could run this event without the volunteers."

"We really appreciate them."

Andy Love, senior secondary education-physical education major, has volunteered with the Special Olympics for each of the past five years.

"It is a lot of fun," he said. "It boosts their moral and their self-esteem. They look forward to it every year."

"They don't care about the winner or even if they win. You just don't see sportsmanship like this anywhere."



Handing out honors, Retha Ketchum, assistant professor of nursing, gives Gary Forester of Purdy R-2 first-place ribbon. He received the blue for placing first in the 100-meter dash; he won other events as well.

Photos by T. Rob Brown

Story by Kaylea Hutson



## SOFTBALL

## Southern snags second straight title

## Lady Lions whip PSU in MIAA championship

CHAD HAYWORTH  
MANAGING EDITOR

When Pat Lipira and the softball Lady Lions opened the 1993 season, they had 10 newcomers, an American pitcher to replace, and a title to defend.

Lipira said she wasn't even sure Missouri Southern could repeat as conference champion. But behind timely hitting and solid pitching from junior Angie Hadley, the Lady Lions brought home their second straight

MIAA title and the third in four years.

"We had a fantastic weekend," Lipira said. "I'm extremely proud of where we are and what we have accomplished this season."

Southern downed Pittsburg State University 5-1 in Saturday's title game.

"Pittsburg is a really good hitting team," Lipira said. "You've got to give Angie Hadley a lot of credit for holding them to a run in two games."

Southern, 37-10, had struggled with PSU all season, losing to the Gorillas 7-0 at one point earlier this year.

"When we played Pitt at the Missouri Western tournament, there wasn't a lot at stake," Lipira said. "Maybe the mental aspect had something to do with it."

The Lady Lions stopped PSU twice last weekend, on their way to a 5-0 showing in the conference tournament.

"The young ladies did a fantastic job of pulling together as a team and working

toward their goal," Lipira said. "If you would have asked in January when we got started, I would have told you it was going to be extremely tough to repeat, because of all of our new faces."

"The young ladies did a fantastic job of pulling together as a team and working toward their goal... They are a lot of fun, and they have a ton of team spirit."

— Coach Pat Lipira

Southern now waits for the NCAA to name a regional site. The announcement is scheduled for May 10. The Lady Lions hosted the regional tournament last year, and Lipira thinks Southern is likely to host it again.



P.J. GRAHAM

## 'Dedication' describes our athletes

This year has been quite the new experience for me.

Why? Writing the cross country and track and field stories became my new best.

Many would assume I took this new assignment because I enjoy watching or participating in sports and am informed about them.

Yeah, right.

To be honest, we were really desperate for another sports writer. Until becoming part of the sports staff, I usually avoided the sports page like the plague and had little respect for the sports world in general. Maybe this problem developed from certain events in my life—like when I played basketball with my older brother when I was little only to realize (many deflating games later) that the rules seemed to miraculously change when my brother had possession of the ball.

Or maybe it was going jogging with my uncle—my first time jogging. I found myself trying to keep up with my uncle (did I mention he was a retired Army sergeant?), who was not going to let me stop and walk even a bit. So after running two miles my first time out and nearly puking my guts up afterwards, I decided I was no jogger.

Last spring's annual Chart vs. MSTV softball game did little to boost my affection for sports, either. I was at bat and, finally, hit the damn ball. Then, while running to first base, I found myself being trampled into the ground by first baseman Craig Vonder Haar and having to check to make sure my knee was still keeping my leg together.

Actually, these events probably should have made my respect for athletes who survive this stuff, and much worse, grow.

But that didn't happen until this fall.

I simply did not have an understanding of what it takes to be an athlete—or at least a cross country/track and field athlete.

For example, I cannot imagine having enough patience to train devoutly enough to be honored with three All-America titles in my college career like senior Jason Riddle has.

Or, to quietly ignore the fact that I was being passed up for Athlete of the Week by the MIAA numerous times though I was a consistent winner and possibly up for the national meet, like runner Debbie Williams this track and field season.

Or, to keep running at the only home meet of the year while the meager crowd looks on, as did the entire cross country team this fall.

Or, in his Coach Tom Rutledge and never get impatient though he was stuck with a reporter who knew little to nothing about his sport.

The more I do for "The Sports Scene," the more I find myself respecting these people who get up early to practice while other students are still asleep and so stay during the afternoons to practice while others are going home or hanging out in the Lions' Den.

I may never do well at basketball or baseball, or run a mile without stopping for breath, but I can now at least understand a bit of what must go on in athletes' minds and honestly offer them my support.

And I hope nobody else is making the same stereotypical mistake that I did; Missouri Southern's spirit is better off with these dedicated people representing it.

## THE KICK IS UP...



T. ROB BROWN/The Chart

Sophomore Craig Crader (right) practice his kicking during the Lions' spring football drills Tuesday with sophomore Brett Claxton.

## TRACK AND FIELD

## Women finish third, men sixth

## Riddle cops Virginia Humphrey Award

P.J. GRAHAM  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

The weekend spawned two notable recognitions for some Missouri Southern track and field athletes as well as some mixed results from the MIAA Championships at Central Missouri State University.

During an sports picnic on Sunday, senior Jason Riddle was given the E.O. and Virginia Humphrey Award.

This is the first time a track and field/cross country athlete has received the award—which is based on respect for the College, outstanding athletic ability, outstanding leadership, and respect for fellow teammates and coaches.

Sophomore Tongula Givens also received honor this weekend: at the CMSU meet she was named the women's high-point trophy winner by helping to accumulate 40 points for the team's 99-point, third place finish.

The meet, which ran Thursday through Saturday, gave the Lady Lions a time to shine.

On the women's side," said Head Coach Tom Rutledge, "it was the best performance we have ever had."

The finished third, but a strong third—for a team there we were right there with Pittsburg State (University, the first place finishers).

Givens, Givens leaped 19 feet, 7 3/4 inches in the women's long jump to win first in the meet, and to mark an automatic standard for the national competition next month. On Saturday she won first in the triple jump (39-

9 1/4); missed first place by five-hundredths of a second to PSU's Stephanie Powell in the 100 dash; and she again followed on the heels of Powell to get second in the 200 dash with 25.21 seconds. Debbie Williams, Lucretia Brown, Tammy Molesky, and Givens joined to win the 4x400 relay race (3:51.25).

The consistently strong Williams won the 800-meter event, and placed third in the 1,500 meters.

Rutledge said Williams is close to an automatic time for the NCAA Championships next month.

"Debbie has had her best year," he said. "And I hope it's not over—I really feel she'll do well at Arkansas."

And Brown, though recovering from a pulled leg muscle, pulled in a first place in the 400 meters (57.55).

Freshman Tisha Alvarez tossed for 39-3 in the shotput and 126-10 in the discus for a sixth and fifth places, respectively. And sophomore Stacie Moses threw the javelin 131-5 for fifth place.

The distance runners did not show up quite as strong in the meet. Rutledge said three of the distance runners—Shelly Rose, Nicole Deem, and Amber Bullock—have been red-shirted.

"That took a lot of power away," he said.

However, sophomore Rhonda Cooper pulled for a sixth in the 3000 meters (10:56.36).

"Rhonda just didn't have a good day," Rutledge said, "which is unfortunate because she's usually in the hunt."

Other scorers included freshman Mary Adamson with a third in the heptathlon (after

only one other time competing in the event—and she set personal records in every event within the heptathlon) with 4,003 points. Regina Harrison with a fourth in the 200 dash and a fifth in the 100 dash, and Jennifer Heckart with a fifth in the 100 hurdles.

In the men's side of the competition, the team placed sixth overall.

Rutledge remains optimistic about the team.

"I was real pleased with them," he said. "We just need a little more depth in the men's team—but I'm very proud of them."

Jason Ramsey—another freshman in compete for only the second time in his event—took second in the decathlon event with a total of 6,446 points, 68 points behind the CMSU winner. He also got fourth in the high jump and fifth in the 110 hurdles.

Scott Tarnowiecki placed third in the 200 dash (21.89) and the triple jump (46-3 1/4) as well as fourth in the 100 dash. Kern Sorrell timed in at 9:56.8 for a third in the 3000 steeplechase and senior Doug Martin also placed third in the discus with a heave of 163-3.

Mark Houck and John Buchanan placed third in the shotput and the triple jump, respectively. Buchanan was also sixth in the 100 dash. The men's 4x100 relay placed sixth.

The men's team also experienced some pain from injured athletes. Both Higinio Covarrubias and Carlos Haley were withheld from competition due to hamstring problems.

Rutledge will now concentrate on 11 of his athletes who have made standard provisional times, or close, for the aptly named University of Arkansas Last Chance meet and, he hopes, in the nationals.

"The rest of them (the team) need a rest—a full rest," Rutledge said.

## GOLF

## 'Bad luck' haunts Lions at Tan-Tar-A

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With a two-day total of 944, the Missouri Southern golf team finished fourth in the MIAA conference golf tournament at Tan-Tar-A Resort, and Jon Anderson wound up third in the medalist race with a 226.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis finished first with a 925, led by two players who finished first and second in the medalist race. Central Missouri finished second at 935, and Southwest Baptist was third at 937.

"We played our hearts out, but because of circumstances both days, we pressed too hard and we never played up to our ability," said coach Bill Cox.

Southern, which earlier this year had a 4-stroke penalty that cost them the match at the Missouri Rolla-Ramada Inn Classic, again witnessed a strange turn of events during the opening round of play.

Junior Trent Styles' tee shot on the 11th hole appeared to go in the water. After hunting for the ball, Styles dropped a second ball and took a one-stroke penalty. A player in his group suggested he take another tee shot, which he did, leaving two balls in play. The group then found Styles' original ball, which left a total of three balls in play at the same time.

The United States Golf Association was contacted and initially handed down an eight-stroke penalty, but after further review, the USGA reduced the penalty to six strokes. Styles finished the first day with a 79 instead of a 73.

"A mistake was made," Cox said. "Trent was absolutely devastated, especially because he was playing such good golf up to that hole."

"I seriously doubt that a golf team has ever had as much bad luck in one year as we have had. It's one of those things that will probably never happen again."

With the season over, the Lions lose two seniors—Anderson and Chris Claassen—from this year's team.

## TENNIS

## Hoch, Blackwell take third place

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Missouri Southern's Diane Hoch and Emily Blackwell took third-place at No. 2 doubles last week in the MIAA tennis championship at St. Joseph.

Hoch and Blackwell defeated the duo of Laura Hall and Anne DeLargy of Northeast Missouri State 8-4 in the consolation final. Hoch and Blackwell, who finish with a 12-7 season record, lost to Hall and DeLargy in the opening round.

Mandy Gillin, who was Southern's only winner during the opening rounds, defeated Stephanie Dantenbach of Missouri Western 6-1, 6-1, and finished fourth in No. 6 singles. She lost 9-7 in the consolation final to Christy Hohman of Washburn.

Southern lost all other single matches in straight sets. The closest match was Jill Fisher, who lost to Lincoln's Erika Watkins, 6-3, 6-4, at No. 1 singles.

Northwest Missouri State University took the conference title with an impressive 83 points. They had five singles and three doubles champions.

The Lady Lions finished fifth in the team standings.

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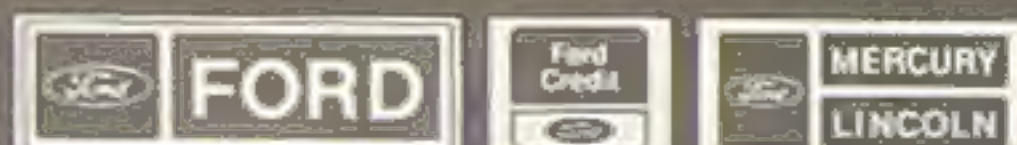
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